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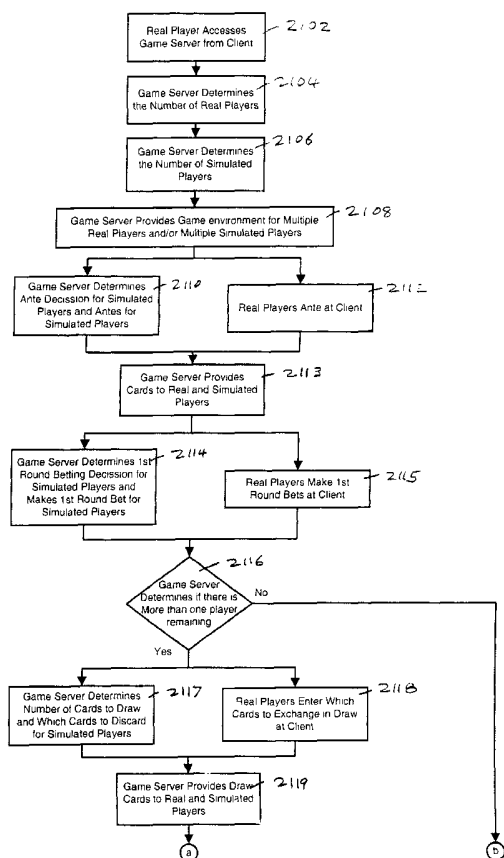
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(54) Title: COMPUTER GAMING SYSTEM



(57) Abstract: The present invention comprises an intelligent gaming system that includes a game engine, simulation engine, and, in certain embodiments, a static evaluator. Embodiments of the invention include an intelligent, poker playing slot machine that allows a user to play poker for money against one or more intelligent, simulated opponents. The simulation engine generates actions for the simulated player(s). The simulation engine allows a real person, or user, to play against intelligent, simulated opponents. In addition, in certain embodiments a static evaluator offers another level of play in which the user can play against a predetermined criteria for winning. In one embodiment of the invention, the user plays against simulated opponent(s). In another embodiment of the invention, the user plays against simulated opponent(s) and against the predetermined criteria. Further, an embodiment of the invention provides a computer gaming system implemented in a communications interconnect environment, such as the Internet, where more than one real player may compete with other real players, and/or more than one simulated player during a single game. An environment is also provided where simulated players compete in a game, and real players do not compete, but wager upon aspects of the game competition. An embodiment also provides a non-monetary or "entertainment" game environment.

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